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RESPONSE TO GSE'S ONGOING DENIALS -----

2.(C) A/S Carson opened the meeting by expressing USG's desire to improve the bilateral relationship with the GSE and urged Eritrea to stop imm
3.(C) Yemane welcomed Carson's offer for a renewed relationship and said it is long overdue. He then firmly denied providing support to al-Shat
PROXY WAR WITH ETHIOPIA -----

4.(C) A/S Carson detailed the USG position in support of the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and the Djibouti peace process. He nc
GSE's POSITION ON SOMALIA -----

5. (C) Yemane defined the GSE's objective as creating a strong, unified Somali state, then faulted Ethiopia for dividing Somalia. Yemane insis
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6.(C) When Yemane expressed GSE's interest in sending a delegation to the U.S. to discuss bilateral relations, A/S Carson pointed out that rece

7.(C) Carson closed the meeting by encouraging the GSE to speak out against al-Shabaab, end its support for Somali extremists and move forward

8.(U) A/S Carson has approved this message. CRETZ